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## ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL DEANS MEET IN ALBUQUERQUE

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex. -- Fifty-one Anglican deans from the United States, Canada and England were in attendance, many with their wives, at this year's conference of North American Cathedral Deans here.

The Very Rev. John B. Haverland, dean of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral here, was the host for the 27th annual meeting of the deans' fellowship. The conference is not a legislative body but a fellowship of those who are responsible for the mission and outreach of the cathedrals located in major cities throughout North America.

The first conference was called in 1953 by the then dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, James A. Pike, who was later Bishop of California, and the dean of the Washington Cathedral, the Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Jr. After alternating meetings between New York and Washington for several years, the deans decided to hold their meetings in different parts of the country so that local programs could enhance the education and social concern of the deans.

The deans toured the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, where they heard a presentation on the peaceful use of atomic power in medicine and energy. They also participated in a traditional Indian feast provided by tribal leaders at San Ildefonso Pueblo. The deans had opportunity to observe pottery making demonstrations by the internationally known Blue Corn and Santana Martinez and to meet the famous potter, Maria Martinez.

The deans toured Santa Fe and met with the governor's representative at the Palace of the Governors, where they were shown a film featuring the three cultures of New Mexico -- Hispanic, Anglo and Native American.

A panel of Indian leaders in the southwest made a presentation and discussed Indian affairs in the 1980s with the deans. Topics included sovereignty, economics, education, health, religion and culture.

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The Very Rev. Francis Sayre, who retired from his post at the Washington Cathedral in 1978, was the preacher at a concelebrated eucharist. He asked "how God may restore the soul of a people shrivelled by their own self-importance, and smothered in a surfeit of things." In response to his question, he said "perhaps it is the Indian in our midst whom God may choose to be the instrument of his answer to our prayer. . . .

"If so, then we will have been taught by this patient minority among us the humbleness of a people that was ready to learn our word for God, even though we would not listen to theirs!"

The deans voted to accept the invitation of the Very Rev. Lynwood C. Magee, dean of the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston, S.C., for the 1981 conference. The theme will be music in America and its effect on worship.

The Very Rev. Oliver Fiennes of Lincoln, England, issued an invitation for the conference to meet in England in 1982. The deans tentatively accepted the bids for 1983 at Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis; 1984 at Washington Cathedral; and 1985 at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco.

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#### PICTURE CAPTION

# 80188      The preacher at the eucharist at the 27th annual meeting of the North American Cathedral Deans in Albuquerque was the Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, center, retired dean of Washington Cathedral. Joining him at the festivities were the Rev. Canon Charles A. Perry, provost at the Washington Cathedral, and Mrs. Perry. Fifty-one Anglican deans from the United States, Canada and England attended the conference.

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